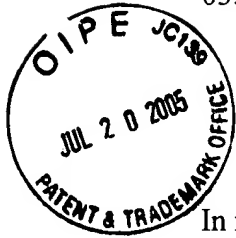


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PATENT APPLICATION



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: Examiner: S.A. Rogers
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: Art Unit: 2624
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Filed: February 10, 1997)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND APPARATUS FOR)
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INFORMATION AND)
CHARACTER PATTERNS)
(as amended) : July 19, 2005

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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

A Letter Submitting Assent of Assignee to Reissue and Requesting
Withdrawal of Previous Request for Approval of Drawing Changes (copy attached) was
filed on October 14, 2003, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the returned-receipt
postcard bearing the stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

No communication has been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office since the filing of the above-mentioned document. Accordingly, it is respectfully
requested that the status of this re-issue application be checked and that favorable

reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present re-issue application be granted.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard P. Diana", is written over a horizontal line.

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LETTER SUBMITTING ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE AND REQUESTING
WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

As requested by the Examiner in a telephone call on or around July 14, 2003, with Applicants' undersigned representative, submitted herewith is an Assent Of Assignee To Reissue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.172. The Assent is signed by Nobuyoshi Tanaka, who is empowered to take action on behalf of Canon Kabushiki Kaisha, the assignee of the above-identified application.

In the telephone call, the Examiner also stated that the request for drawing changes submitted on December 2, 1999, to add the label "AMENDED" to certain figures, is not required, because the drawings have not been amended relative to the drawings of the patent corresponding to the present reissue application. (The drawings were previously amended during

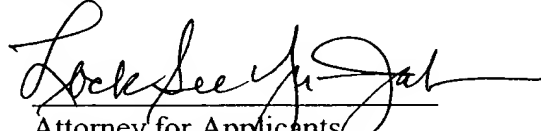
prosecution of the original application from which the patent issued.)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Request For Approval Of Drawing Changes submitted on December 2, 1999.

In view of the above, an early passage to issue is respectfully requested.

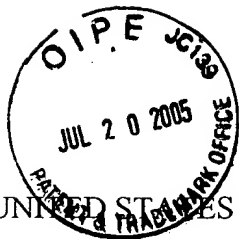
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 U.S. Patent No. 4,819,063 :
) Examiner: S.A. Rogers
 SUSUMU SUGIURA :
) Art Unit: 2624
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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.172

Sir:

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation and assignee of the entire right,
 title and interest in United States Letters Patent No. 4,819,063, hereby assents to the above-
 identified application to reissue such Letters Patent.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign on
 behalf of CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA.

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Date: OCT. 8.2003

By:

Nobuyoshi Tanaka, Ph.D.

Title: Managing Director

Group Executive

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Legal Headquarters



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Date 10 / 14 / 03
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Application No. 08/792,072

Sir:

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

- ☒ Assent of Assignee To Reissue Under 37 CFR § 1.172
~~Response to Official Action.~~
- ☐ Check for \$ _____ (claims fee)
- ☐ Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and Check for \$ _____
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